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#### WRITERS' CONFERENCE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Final details of the forthcoming Montana State University Writers' Conference, which runs from July 21 through the 26th, are virtually complete, H. V. Larom, conference director, announced today.

Writers from out of state will include Bernard Malamud, novelist and short story writer; Archie Binns, author of seventeen volumes of fiction and nonfiction; Albert Q. Maisel, article writer and frequent contributor to Reader's Digest, and Will Barker, outdoor writer and specialist in stories of wildlife.

Montana authors include Pulitzer Prize winner A. B. Guthrie, who will be a regular member of the staff, plus Mildred Walker, novelist, formerly of Great Falls; Naomi Lane Babson, novelist of Bozeman; Dorothy Johnson, short story writer, Missoula, Robert McCaig, Great Falls, writer of Westerns. These writers will take part in panel discussions and at the Conference dinner during Montana-Northwest Writers' Day, Saturday, July 26.

Members of the MSU faculty on the regular staff include Robert O. Bowen, novelist and short story writer; Larom, an author of children's books, and Leslie A. Fiedler, nationally known poet and critic.

Although there may be some last minute changes in the schedule, Larom said, the program is about set. For those who cannot attend all the sessions the rate is five dollars per day. However, a conferee must attend a minimum of three days in order to submit a manuscript for private criticism. Total cost for the week including the reading of one manuscript and the Conference dinner is \$25. "Although we keep the Conference small," Larom said, "we still have room for a number of conferees."

The following is the tentative program schedule.

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Monday July 21, Morning - Registration at the Lodge

- 1:30 P.M. Opening Session with introductions, Liberal Arts 104.
- 2:00 P.M. A. B. Guthrie, Jr., "How to Get the Most From a Writers' Conference."  
Distribution of manuscripts.
- 8:00 P.M. Leslie Fiedler - a discussion of poetry. Music School Auditorium.

Tuesday, July 22

- 9:30 A.M. "Children's Books - Form and Content" a discussion. Guest panelist, Miss Sarita Davis, Librarian of the University of Michigan Elementary School and a member of the Caldecott-Newberry Awards Committee and a councillor of the American Library Association. Asst. Prof. Richard Darling, MSU and H. V. Larom.
- 10:45 A.M. Bernard Malamud - "Beginning the Novel!"
- 2:00 P.M.-4:30 P.M. Private manuscript conferences by appointment.
- 8:00 P.M. Albert Q. Maisel on writing of articles.

Wednesday, July 23

- 9:30 A.M. Technical problems in writing the juvenile, H. V. Larom.
- 10:45 A.M. Writing the historical article, Archie Binns.
- 2:00 P.M.-4:30 P.M. Private manuscript conferences by appointment.
- 8:00 P.M. Robert O. Bowen, "Aspects of the Novel"

Thursday, July 24

- 9:30 A.M. Poetry techniques - Leslie Fiedler
- 10:45 A.M. A panel on nonfiction: materials and Markets. Archie Binns, Albert Q. Maisel, Will Barker, A. B. Guthrie, Jr., moderator.
- 2:00 - 4:30 P.M. Private conferences by appointment.
- 8:00 P.M. Bernard Malamud will discuss his story "The Magic Barrel," its genesis and development.

Friday, July 25

- 9:30 A.M. Robert O. Bowen - on techniques in fiction.
- 10:45 A.M. Writing for TV and the Theatre, special guest Tom Patterson of the University of North Carolina and Visiting Professor at Montana State College, Bozeman.



Friday, July 25 - continued

- 1:30 P.M. A panel discussion on trends in fiction, A. B. Guthrie, Bernard Malamud, Robert O. Bowen, Leslie Fiedler.
- 2:30 P.M. Group workshops with staff members discussing selected manuscripts with their conferees. Locations of these discussions to be announced.
- 8:00 P.M. Archie Binns will discuss some aspects of nonfiction.
- 9:00 P.M. Special performance of Southwest Corner at the Masquer's Theatre. Opening remarks by Mildred Walker, author of the novel. (Note: This is not a scheduled part of the Conference. Tickets at \$1.00 are on sale at the Masquers' box office, Fine Arts Building next to the Music School.)

Saturday, July 26 - Montana-Northwest Writers' Day

- 9:30 A.M. Looking back at Northwest Writing, by H. G. Merriam, Professor Emeritus MSU; Editor of the Frontier-Midland; Co-founder of the Montana Institute of the Arts and, at present Editor of the M.I.A. Quarterly.
- 10:00 A.M.-11:00 "The Western," A. B. Guthrie, Dorothy M. Johnson, Robert McCaig and others, and Jack Barsness, Asst. Prof., of Montana State College, moderator.
- 11:00 A.M. Western nonfiction, Archie Binns, Dorothy Johnson, Will Barker and others.
- 1:00 P.M. Final discussion on Northwest writing, Mildred Walker, Naomi Lane Babson, Archie Binns, and others.
- 6:00 P.M. Tenth Annual Writers' Conference Dinner, A. B. Guthrie, Jr., Master of Ceremonies. Speakers to be announced. At MSU Lodge.

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